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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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			SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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TOTAL	18	MINUS	* 20	0	X \$26	\$ 0
INDEP	2	MINUS	** 3	0	X \$110	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			+ \$195	\$ 0	+ \$390	\$ 0
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